GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3496
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REHABILITATION OF TRIBALS AFFECTED DUE TO BANDIPUR NATIONAL PARK IN MYSORE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have assured the National Human Rights Commission that an alternative site had been selected for the rehabilitation of 154 tribal families displaced due to the construction of the Kabini reservoir and Bandipur National Park in Mysore;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government have decided to expedite the settlement and assured that action will be taken within 45 days of receiving a fresh proposal from the State;

(c) if so, whether Karnataka urged the Union Government in 2001 to reconsider the proposal by arguing that the proposed rehabilitation area has been excluded from the notified area of the national park; and

(d) if so, the extent to which the Union Government have implemented the projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) to (d) On directions of National Human Rights Commission, the Karnataka Government submitted a fresh proposal for diversion of 200.00 ha. forest land in favour of Revenue Department for rehabilitation of 154 tribal families displaced by formation of Bandipur National Park and construction of Kabini Reservoir in District Mysore, Karnataka on 27.01.2003. This proposal has been accorded approval on 04.03.2003 under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

In view of above, the question of reconsidering the earlier proposal does not arise.